



Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



“Trash-Off” Returns, Live and Virtually

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VOLUNTEER!

8:15 a.m. to noon
**SATURDAY
APRIL 10**

Trinity View Park
2298 E. 6th Street
Irving, TX 75060

GPS Coordinates:
32.808094, -96.908416

FREE

Register online at
www.keepingirvingbeautiful.org
by Friday, April 2
or call
(972) 721-2175



**Don't Mess with Texas
TRASH-OFF**

The "Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off" is Texas' signature event for the Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program. Irving's event will be at Trinity View Park, part of the Campion Trail along the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. The Trinity River Watershed drains an area of 11.5 million acres and supports the water needs of more than 48% of the Texas population, so please come and Help us keep the No. 1 pollutant - litter - out of this important waterway.

Modifications for this year's event include:

- Group size limited to 100
- Four 15-minute sign-in times beginning at 8:15 a.m.
- KIB provides cleanup supplies - bags, litter pickers, single-use gloves and masks
- Volunteers ages 2 and older must wear masks
- Social distancing of 6 feet at all times
- Groups of 10 or less in an area at a time
- Do not attend if you have been in close contact with or exhibit signs of COVID-19, or if not feeling well
- Volunteers who bring a canned food item will receive a T-shirt while supplies last

Directions: From Irving, take Highway 35E East, across Loop 12. Exit on the service road immediately past Wildwood Drive and follow it to the soccer fields. Turn right into the parking lot.



KIB's big spring cleanup is back for 2021, with a few modifications for COVID-19. The "Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off/ Great American Cleanup" will return to its usual location at Trinity View Park on April 10. Participation was limited to 100 total volunteers, and the spots filled up very quickly! Those who were not able to register online for the in-person event are asked to join the virtual event by choosing a location, conducting a cleanup in a small group (10 or fewer) and reporting via social media. This was very successful for the Trash Bash in 2020, and we hope to have even more volunteers for this event.

Details are on the City of Irving website and the KIB Facebook Event page. No registration is needed for the virtual event.



The second Girl Scout cleanup at the Rock Island Road Bike and Pedestrian Trail



Our newest Adopt-a-Spot group, the Hindu Swayamsevak Singh - Irving branch, had their first cleanup.

Spring is in the Air at KIB

It was a busy March for the KIB staff, one that included submitting award nominations, attending training webinars, completing grant applications, and planning upcoming events.

Girl Scout Troops 1810 and 6458 returned to the Rock Island Road Bike and Pedestrian Trail on March 17 for a Spring Break cleanup, and collected even more litter this time (and got quite a bit muddier, thanks to the previous day's rain!).

Acosta Cares volunteers and the Texas Trees Foundation were ready for a tree planting at Running Bear Park on March 23, but rain forced a postponement until April 6. A big thank you to the Verizon Green Team, who purchased the trees that will be planted.

The Adopt-A-Spot Program continues to grow, with three new groups joining in March. We welcomed the French and Collins families and the Hindu Swayamsevak Singh (HSS) - Irving

branch to KIB's longest-running program. We now have 91 locations throughout Irving, accounting for thousands of hours of volunteer service. If your family or group is interested in adopting a spot, please contact the KIB office and we can find a suitable location for you. There's always room for more people who want to make a difference in our community!

Coming up in April: KIB will partner with the Heritage Senior Center for an Earth Day event on April 22 where we will plant a variety of flowers to brighten up the courtyard garden and hopefully attract lots of butterflies and pollinators.

Join the City of Irving and KIB on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the annual Arbor Day event. This celebration of trees - including both the physical and mental health benefits they provide - will take place at Senter Park this year.



We hope everyone can get out and enjoy the spring wildflowers.



Come help us celebrate trees during Arbor Day at Senter Park, April 24 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

